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The empire claims a population of 11. 780,000, but some authorities claim that it does not contain more than 7,000,000 people of all races. The whites number about one-third of the entire population, and are chiefly of Portugese decent. In the seaboard cities there are many French, Germans and English, most of whom are engaged in trade. Nearly one-third of the inhabitants are Indians. They represent all degrees of civilization worth speaking of. Some of the interior tribes are cannibals. They practice jerking the meat obtained from enemies' bodies and storing it up for a rainy day. In this respect they show more foresight and thrift than the natives of the Cannibal Island. Most of the Indians, however, are very quiet and friendly. They subsist for the most part on game and wild fruits. They require little by way othouses. Their favorite clothing is red paint. The country contains nearly 1,000,000 negroes. The remainder of the population consists of mixed races, Some of the races are very decidedly mixed, having the blood of negroes. Indians and whites in their veins.

Since Brazil was discovered, in the year 300, and settlements were commenced shortly afterward, it seems somewhat remarkable that it has not a larger white population. This may be explained by the fact that the country was long tributary to Portugal which did not contain inhabitants enough to people so vast a country. During the past twenty years Brazil has made strenuous exertions to procure settlers from foreign countries. They have not only been offered land without cost, but in some instances have had half of their passage money paid. The Germans have availed themselves of these liberal offers to the greatest extent of any people. According to official reports there are fifty colonies in the empire, containing, on an average, 1,000 persons each. At the close of our civil war quite a number of confederates removed to Brazil. As a rule, the foreign settlers do not take kindly to the country. Quite likely this is owing to the circumstance that soil, climate, productions, language, and institutions of Brazil are very unlike those of the countries from which settlers have been obtained. Considerable time is required for foreigners to accommodate themselves to the new

order of things. All intelligent travelers who have visited Brazil, speak in the most glowing terms of the country. Prof. Agassiz regarded it as the most productive and interesting country on the globe, and the one in which it is the easiest to obtain a livelihood. Some who have sailed up the Amazon declare that a vessel can be loaded with Brazil nuts at an expense of only a few cents per bushet. These constitute a valuable article of commerce, while the oil extracted from them is very desirable. All the tropical fruits are produced in Brazil almost without cultivation. The soil in many parts of the country will produce twenty successive crops of cotton, tobacco, or sugar cane, without the application of manure.

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